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Dear Professor Rytand:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of January 14th. The invitation to give the Lane Lectures is indeed a great honor. Moreover, it will be an pleasure to spend a week on your campus where I have several good friends.

As to the general title, I would prefer something fairly short and simple. "The genetic load" occurs to me as a possibility. It would certainly refer to the effects of modern medicine although I am, of course, not a possessor of an M.D. degree. I take it we would fix a precise date in due course.

With many thanks for the invitation, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Theodosius Dobzhansky

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